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Southport, N.C.

Army May Assist in Explosives Transport

UNDER a pilot program, the Army will begin allowing the commercial movement of explosives from an Atlantic Coast installation. Shipments of commercial explosives from the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, near Southport, could begin in the near future.

Shippers using the facility would be required to pay the Army premium commercial shipping rates.

"This is a win-win agreement," said MG Kenneth L. Privratsky, commander of Military Traffic Management Command, because "commercial explosives may be moved safely from a fully certified and safe facility and the Army will recoup some of its terminal-operating costs."

The program will also address safety issues involved with long-haul transport of hazardous materials, he said.

"In a typical example, a member of the explosives industry might be forced to import its materials through Nova Scotia, Canada," said Privratsky. "All this material has to travel by truck to get to its intended destination. Overall, this program has the potential to significantly reduce the transportation of explosives through the United States' congested northeast corridor."

In the event of a safety issue or national emergency, MTMC's commanding general will have full authority to suspend or terminate commercial operations at Sunny Point, Privratsky said.

Vicenza, Italy

Vietnam-era Unit Returns

U.S. Army Southern European Task Force's Infantry Brigade, an airborne organization, will be reflagged as the 173rd Airborne Bde. This action returns a distinguished unit designation to active duty. The 173rd Abn. Bde. was the first regular Army ground combat unit to

enter the war in South Vietnam. The reflagging ceremony will take place June 12 on Vicenza's Caserma Ederle.

The SETAF Inf. Bde. was created in 1993 as a provisional Table of Distribution and Allowances unit when the Berlin Brigade inactivated, leaving the European theater with no light brigade. The TDA structure is normally used for noncombat organizations. The Modification Table of Organi-

zation and Equipment reorganization aligns the unit with a standard document for a separate combat brigade. The SETAF Inf. Bde.'s subordinate organizations will fall under the 173rd Abn. Bde. after activation. These include Headquarters and HQs. Company; Forward Support Co.; Battery D, 319th Field Artillery Regiment; and the combat team based on 1st Bn., 508th In-

Because the shipment of explosives through commercial ports is severely limited, no commercial American ports are affected by this initiative.

The Sunny Point facility is operated by the 597th Transportation Terminal Group on a 16,000-acre, Army-owned site near the Cape Fear River. The facility, opened in 1955, is the Department of Defense's key Atlantic Coast ammunition shipping point.

Under the two-year authority, approved by Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, commercial firms using the port would use the same MTMC employees and stevedores who support the approximately 60 ships that call at Sunny Point each year. — *MTMC PAO*

Alexandria, Va.

Army Cyber Celebration

FOR an official and complete list of all of the Army birthday events occurring at locations around the world, visit www.army.mil and click on the Army birthday logo. Members of the entire Army family can also participate in birthday activities on a special Morale, Welfare and Recreation Cyber Celebration website at www.armybirthday.com, which will remain active through the end of June.

Participants can log onto the site and enter a password — one of the seven Army values — to participate in various

cyber-activities, including registering to win a \$225 gift certificate or a U.S. Savings Bond. There will be daily winners, and 10 winners on June 14. Users will also be able to send a special e-mail Army "Happy Birthday" card to friends or order military music.

In an area of the website called "Common Threads," veterans share their military experiences with today's soldiers.

There is also an online game called "Army Insignia," in which players test their memory skills. The player with the fastest time and fewest number of mouse clicks wins a one-week condo vacation. Winners are limited to MWR-authorized Defense Department patrons. CFSC employees and their families are not eligible to participate. — *U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center PAO*

Korean War Update

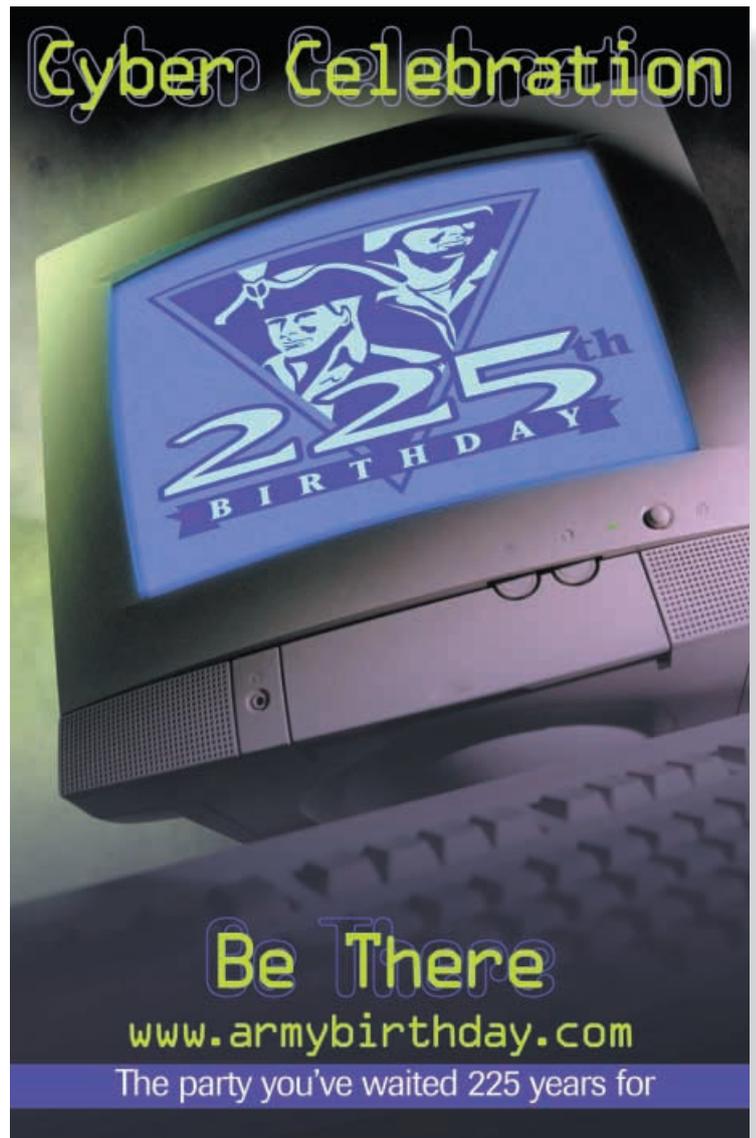
War Casualty Figures Revised

MILITARY historians and the Department of Defense have revised the U.S. casualty figures for the Korean War.

Before the recent revision, 54,000 had been the figure used as the official number of American service members who died from all causes during the Korean War. After examining the original records, DOD and several military historians, working independently, have concluded that the real figure is 36,940 American war-related dead from all causes.

The original casualty figure appeared shortly after the end of the Korean War, when it was published in the Statistical History of the United States. The error in the deaths figure concerns the category titled "other deaths" or non-battle deaths, which was listed as 20,617. When the Department of the Army re-examined the surgeon general's records it determined that its "other deaths" in the Korean War theater were actually 2,452. Combined with the "other deaths" totals of the other services, the total for the Korean War was actually 3,275. It appears that the original figures for "other deaths" included military non-combat deaths, worldwide, during the war period.

The official U.S. armed forces death figure from all causes during the Korean War is now set at 36,940, with "other deaths" adjusted down to 3,275. All service history offices have agreed with the revision. — *Office of the Secretary of Defense*



SHAPE, Belgium

SHAPE Considers Troop Needs for Kosovo Force

MILITARY authorities at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe, are assessing whether NATO's Kosovo Force is adequate for its peacekeeping mission.

Adm. Craig Quigley recently said that KFOR officials have forwarded a troop-to-task analysis to SHAPE headquarters in Mons, Belgium. If more troops are required, he said, NATO would ask its 19 member nations and other participating countries to contribute troops to the peacekeeping operation. Each nation would assess its internal capabilities and limitations, and respond accordingly.

The United States has set a force cap of 7,000 service members for the Kosovo mission. Currently, 5,900 U.S. military personnel serve in Kosovo, 450 serve in Macedonia and 10 support the mission from Greece.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen signed deployment orders in March to send more U.S. reconnaissance and armor assets to support the peacekeeping operations. A

125-member reconnaissance company from Germany was slated to deploy for about six months to patrol the border area between the U.S. sector and the adjoining Presevo Valley area in Serbia. In addition, six M-109 Paladin self-propelled 155mm howitzers are going to soldiers assigned to 1st Armored Division in Skopje, Macedonia.

Pentagon officials said U.S. military leaders concluded the additional assets would be "prudent" in light of increased activity among Serbs and Kosovars this spring. An April clash between Serbs and NATO peacekeepers left 11 Americans and one Pole injured, a Pentagon spokesman said.

According to U.S. officials, the trouble started after American military police and Polish soldiers seized weapons in a Serb house about 40 miles south of Pristina. Yugoslav news reports said several thousand angry Serbs gathered near roadblocks set up by the Polish troops serving in the American sector after the NATO peacekeepers detained the Serb houseowner for illegal weapons possession. — *American Forces Press Service*

Washington

American G.I. Named "Person of the Century"

THE House of Representatives named the American G.I. as the "Person of the Century" in its Concurrent Resolution 282 with the Senate.

"The spirit of the American G.I. — soldier, sailor, airman and marine — that 'can-do spirit,' is why we honor the G.I. as the 'Citizen of the Century,'" said the House sponsor of the legislation, Rep. Robin Hayes of North Carolina.

California congressman Mike Thompson extended the term "G.I." to members of the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine: "It was the American G.I. ... who carried America's value system abroad and demonstrated unselfish courage aiding those who struggled against

tyranny and oppression."

Co-sponsor Jim Gibbons of Nevada is a veteran of both the Vietnam war and the Gulf war. "The United States, through two hot world wars and a long Cold War, and numerous wars and conflicts in all the far-flung reaches of the globe, has been called the 'arsenal of democracy,'" he said. "The American G.I. was the bearer of those arms and our American flag. He was, and still is, the guardian of our and our allies' security and freedom."

Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas raised the only dissenting voice, voting present on the roll call. "I would support a resolution which recognized their contributions," he said in preface. "I would far prefer a more tangible showing of appreciation, such as fulfilling the promises of health care made to those who served." — *AFPS*

Officer Career News

Law School Deadline Nears

THE application period for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program is rapidly approaching. The application period starts Aug. 1 and runs until Nov. 1, but counselors advise those interested in applying to act now because they must register for the next available Law School Admission Test, and because of the limited slots available.

Under FLEP, the Army plans to send up to 15 active-duty officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2001 and will remain on active duty while attending.

FLEP is open to commissioned officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active military service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable. Review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine eligibility.

Application requests must be sent through command channels, including the officer's branch manager at PERSCOM, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT, 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194. — *Office of the Judge Advocate General*

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Increased unrest among Serbs and Kosovars is one reason why more troops may be sent to Kosovo.